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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 28, 2005

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:35 p.m. on February 28, 2005 at Franklin Canyon Park 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Linda Parks, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Ron Schafer, Jerome Daniel, and Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle. Quorum present. The following member was absent: David Widell. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Vice Chair Jonathan Zasloff.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Dave Brown, Ed Corridori, Heinz Ellersieck, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, George Lange, Roseann Mikos, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Nancy Stephens, Timothy Wendler, Garen Yegparian, Anthony Portantino, and Chairperson Don Robinson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Michael Cacciotti, Lesley Devine, Linda Palmer, Bruce Saito, and Liane Weintraub. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Rick Gould, Michael Hurley, and Marc Stirdivant.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Reva Feldman, Assistant Financial Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Phyllis Lichtenstein, Government Programs Analyst, Martin Kammerer, Environmental Scientist, and Tracy Dockery, Staff Services Manager.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that no legislative members were present. The following legislative participants were absent: Laura Plotkin, Ernestine Moore, Ms. Romero, Mary Sue Maurer, George Magallanes, and Chi Mui.

5. Approval of Minutes.

No minutes were submitted for review.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson; Woody Smeck, National Park Service; Jody Noiron, Forest Service; Michael Berger, Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Joseph Edmiston, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director, and Walt Young, Chief Ranger.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Chris Olsen, representing Councilmember Wendy Gruehl, on Wilacre Park.
Lori L. Paul, representing Altadena Foothills Conservancy, on Hahamonga Watershed Park.
Arnold Newman, representing Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association, on item 13.
Kathi Flood, representing herself, on item 13.
Barbara Dourmashkin Case, representing herself, on item 13.
Dr. Irv Silverman, representing himself, on item 13.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on Notice of Preparation for the Agoura Village Specific Plan, Agoura Road.**

- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the County of Los Angeles on the Negative Declaration for Oak Tree Permit No. 04-070-(3), at 2400, 2501, and 2990 Puerco Canyon Road, Malibu.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Gabriel Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, the County of Los Angeles, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and other parties to participate in an integrated regional watershed management group for the San Gabriel and lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed.**

At the request of Mr. Corridori, item 12 (a) was pulled from the consent calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution Nos. 05-13, and 05-14.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-12, 05-13, and 05-14 were unanimously adopted.

- 9(a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Agoura Hills on Notice of Preparation for the Agoura Village Specific Plan, Agoura Road.**

Mr. Corridori was noted as abstaining from this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-12.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-12 was unanimously adopted.

- 10. Review and discussion on results of survey for public safety and maintenance needs by the Park Rangers Association of California.**

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Chief Ranger.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by Mr. Ross.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Parks.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Brown.

Comments were made by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Mr. Young, Chief Ranger.

11. Presentation on “The Green Visions Plan for 21st Century Southern California” by Professor Jennifer Wolch, University of Southern California.

The Conservancy received an oral report from Jennifer Wolch.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Ross.

Comments were made by Jennifer Wolch.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Mr. Kammerer, Environmental Scientist.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Kammerer, Environmental Scientist.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

12. Public hearing and status report on the development of watershed projects.

The Conservancy received an oral report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Corridori.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for the Buckley School Campus Enhancement Plan, Sherman Oaks.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Bill De La Pena.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Slattery.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-15.

The comment letter was amended to include comments made by Ms. Mikos.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Seider.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. De La Pena.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-15 was unanimously adopted.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 2004/2005 budget.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

15. Report and discussion on transfer of operations and maintenance responsibilities of Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park from the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to the City of Los Angeles.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Smeck.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Chair.

16. Consideration of resolution ratifying Resolution Nos. 04-78, 04-79, and 04-88 authorizing grants of Proposition 40 and 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Soka University acquisition (APNs 4455-015-002, 4455-016-032,-033, 4455-028-043, 4455-033-003, 005, 006, 007, 009, 010, 011, 018, 021, 022, 023, 026, 4455-034-001, 4455-035-001, 4455-040-007, 010), unincorporated Calabasas area.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-16.

Mr. Corridori was noted as abstaining from this item

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-16 was unanimously adopted.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM:

- 8. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds of FY 04-05 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for emergency response and repairs to parklands managed by the MRCA as a result of the sever storms of early 2005.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director the grant amount would be amended to \$250,000.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 05-17.

Comments were made by Ms. Mikos

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Robinson.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Mikos.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Ross, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-17 was unanimously adopted.

- 17. Closed Session:** (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Potential litigation – *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al. Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, and Conference with legal counsel - potential litigation.

No closed session was held.

16. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 4, 2005. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson